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Hazardous Materials  
Group Factual Report

ATTACHMENT 16 - MATERIAL SAFETY DATA  
SHEET FOR VINYL CHLORIDE

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

M9192 NA\_EN



A subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation



## VINYL CHLORIDE (MONOMER)

MSDS No.: M9192

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### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Company Identification:**

Occidental Chemical Corporation  
5005 LBJ Freeway  
P.O. Box 809050  
Dallas, TX 75380-9050

**24 Hour Emergency Telephone Number:**

\*\* PII \*\* or \*\* PII \*\* (U.S.); CHEMTREC (U.S.): \*\* PII \*\*  
CHEMTREC (outside U.S.): + \*\* PII \*\*

**To Request an SDS:**

\*\* PII \*\* or \*\* PII \*\*

**Customer Service:**

\*\* PII \*\* or \*\* PII \*\*

**Synonyms:**

VCM, Monochloroethylene, Chloroethene, Ethylene, chloro-, Vinyl chloride monomer

**Product Use:**

PVC Manufacturing

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

**Color:**

Colorless

**Physical State:**

Compressed, liquefied gas

**Odor:**

Sweet

**Signal Word:**

**DANGER**

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** LIQUID MAY CAUSE FROSTBITE TO EYES AND SKIN. MAY CAUSE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM EFFECTS. CONTAINS VINYL CHLORIDE, A KNOWN HUMAN CANCER AGENT. CAUSES DAMAGE TO LIVER AND PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM THROUGH PROLONGED OR REPEATED EXPOSURE. CAUSES DAMAGE TO LUNGS THROUGH PROLONGED OR REPEATED EXPOSURE BY INHALATION. SUSPECTED OF CAUSING GENETIC DEFECTS. REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD.

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Extremely flammable gas under pressure.

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**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:** Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not eat, drink or smoke in areas where this material is used. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use personal protective equipment as required. Store in well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

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## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

**Inhalation:** Several minutes of exposure to high, but attainable concentrations (over 1000 ppm) may cause central nervous system depression with effects such as dizziness, drowsiness, disorientation, tingling, numbness or burning sensation of the hands and feet, impaired vision, nausea, headache, difficulty breathing, cardiac arrhythmias, unconsciousness, or even death.

**Skin contact:** May cause irritation. Rapid evaporation of the material may cause frostbite.

**Eye contact:** May cause irritation. Rapid evaporation of the material may cause frostbite.

**Ingestion:** Not a likely route of exposure.

**Chronic Effects:** Causes damage to the liver, musculoskeletal system, and peripheral nervous system through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Interaction with Other Chemicals Which Enhance Toxicity:** Alcohol may enhance toxic effects.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Hepatitis B infection.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	%	CAS Number
Vinyl chloride	99 - 100	75-01-4

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**INHALATION:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. If respiration or pulse has stopped, have a trained person administer basic life support (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and/or Automatic External Defibrillator) and CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

**SKIN CONTACT:** If frostbite or freezing occur, immediately flush with plenty of lukewarm water (100-105 F, 38-41 C). GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**EYE CONTACT:** Immediately flush eyes with a directed stream of water for at least 15 minutes, forcibly holding eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of all eye and lid tissues. Washing eyes within several seconds is essential to achieve maximum effectiveness. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**INGESTION:** Not a likely route of exposure.

**Notes to Physician:** Cardiac stimulants such as epinephrine should not be given to persons overexposed to chlorinated hydrocarbons.

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire Hazard:** Severe fire hazard. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant sources and flash back. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Extinguishing Media:** Stop flow of gas before extinguishing fire. Use carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical, foam or water. Use water spray to keep containers cool.

**Fire Fighting:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this can't be done, then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. Wear NIOSH approved positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure demand mode.

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact:** Not sensitive.

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge:** Electrostatic charges may build up during handling and may form ignitable vapor-air mixtures in storage containers. Ground equipment in accordance with industry standards and best practices such as NFPA 77 [Recommended Practices on Static Electricity (2007)] and American Petroleum Institute (API) RP Recommended Practice 2003 [Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning, and Stray Currents (2008)].

**Lower Flammability Level (air):** 3.6%

**Upper Flammability Level (air):** 33.0%

**Flash point:** -108 °F (-78 °C)

**Autoignition Temperature:** 882 °F (472 °C)

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Oxides of carbon, Hydrogen chloride, Phosgene

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Occupational Release:** Remove sources of ignition. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant ignition sources and flash back. Reduce vapors with water spray. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Keep out of water supplies and sewers. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of the SDS. Releases should be reported, if required, to appropriate agencies.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Storage Conditions:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep container tightly closed and properly labeled. Store in a cool, dry area. Store in a well-ventilated area. Do not enter confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. May be subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10 of SDS).

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**Handling Procedures:** Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Ground any equipment used in handling. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. All energized electrical equipment must be designed in accordance with the electrical classification of the area.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Regulatory Exposure Limit(s):** As listed below

Component	OSHA Final PEL TWA	OSHA Final PEL STEL	OSHA Final PEL Ceiling
Vinyl chloride 75-01-4	1 ppm	5 ppm	-----

**OEL:** Occupational Exposure Limit; **OSHA:** United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration; **PEL:** Permissible Exposure Limit; **TWA:** Time Weighted Average; **STEL:** Short Term Exposure Limit

**Non-Regulatory Exposure Limit(s):** As listed below

Component	CAS Number	ACGIH TWA	ACGIH STEL	ACGIH Ceiling	OSHA TWA (Vacated)	OSHA STEL (Vacated)	OSHA Ceiling (Vacated)
Vinyl chloride	75-01-4	1 ppm	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

- The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) is a voluntary organization of professional industrial hygiene personnel in government or educational institutions in the United States. The ACGIH develops and publishes recommended occupational exposure limits each year called Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for hundreds of chemicals, physical agents, and biological exposure indices.

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use closed systems when possible. Provide local exhaust ventilation where vapor may be generated. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side-shields. If eye contact is likely, wear chemical resistant safety goggles. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

**Hand Protection:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Consult a glove supplier for assistance in selecting an appropriate chemical resistant glove.

**Protective Material Types:** Butyl rubber, Nitrile, Silver Shield®, Viton®

**Respiratory Protection:** Refer to 29 CFR 1910.1017 for selection of respirators for vinyl chloride. A respiratory protection program that meets 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant use of a respirator.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State:</b>	Compressed, liquefied gas
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor:</b>	Sweet
<b>Odor Threshold:</b>	Not reliable to prevent excessive exposure

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**Molecular Weight:** 62.5  
**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Cl  
**Boiling Point/Range:** 7 °F (-14 °C)  
**Freezing Point/Range:** No data available  
**Vapor Pressure:** 2660 mmHg @ 25 °C  
**Vapor Density (air=1):** 2.15  
**Specific Gravity (water=1):** 0.91 @ 25/25 °C  
**Water Solubility:** 2.7 g/L  
**pH:** Not applicable  
**VOC Content(%):** 100%  
**Volatility:** 100%  
**Evaporation Rate (ether=1):** >15  
**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Log Kow = 1.36  
**Flash point:** -108 °F (-78 °C)  
**Lower Flammability Level (air):** 3.6%  
**Upper Flammability Level (air):** 33.0%  
**Autoignition Temperature:** 882 °F (472 °C)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity/ Stability:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid air and sunlight. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**Incompatibilities/ Materials to Avoid:** Oxidizing agents, Oxides of nitrogen, Metals, Aluminum, Aluminum alloys, Copper, Metal alkyl complexes and alkali metals such as sodium, potassium and their alloys

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** oxides of carbon, chlorine, hydrogen chloride, phosgene

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Polymerization can occur. Avoid elevated temperatures, oxidizing agents, oxides of nitrogen, oxygen, peroxides, other polymerization catalysts/initiators, air and sunlight.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### TOXICITY DATA:

Component	LD50 Oral:	LC50 Inhalation:	LD50 Dermal:
Vinyl chloride	500 mg/kg (Rat)	-----	-----

### **CHRONIC TOXICITY:**

Occupational overexposure has produced a specific cancer (angiosarcoma of the liver) and is associated with hepatocellular cancer. Occupational exposure has also resulted in changes in bones and skin, especially in the extremities such as the fingers (acroosteolysis). Additionally, repeated exposure may result in dose-related sensory disorders, peripheral nervous system effects, blood system damage, lymphatic system changes, liver malfunction, and pulmonary insufficiency.

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**CARCINOGENICITY:** This material is classified as follows:

Component	NTP:	IARC (GROUP 1):	IARC (GROUP 2):	OSHA:
Vinyl chloride	Known Carcinogen	Group 1	Not Listed	Listed

**MUTAGENIC DATA:** Mutagenic in bacteria studies. Genetic studies in animals were negative in some cases and positive in others.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY:** Reproductive effects and testes damage occurred in rats exposed to vinyl chloride. These endpoints, however, were generally noted at concentrations greater than those necessary to cause liver damage.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ECOTOXICITY DATA:

**Aquatic Toxicity:** This material is believed to be practically non-toxic to fish on an acute basis (LC50>100 mg/L).

### FATE AND TRANSPORT:

**BIODEGRADATION:** Vinyl chloride may degrade under anaerobic conditions.

**PERSISTENCE:** Tropospheric half-life is estimated to be 23 hours. If released to air, this material will remain in the gas phase. If released to soil, volatilization will occur, but material that does not volatilize may be highly mobile. If released to water, evaporation will occur.

**BIOCONCENTRATION:** Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF <100 or log Kow <3).

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Reuse or reprocess, if possible. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. May be subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 261. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001, U043.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:

**UN NUMBER:** UN1086  
**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Vinyl chloride, stabilized  
**HAZARD CLASS/ DIVISION:** 2.1  
**LABELING** 2.1  
**REQUIREMENTS:**  
**RQ (lbs):** RQ 1 Lbs. (Vinyl chloride)

### CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:

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**UN NUMBER:** UN1086  
**SHIPPING NAME:** Vinyl chloride, stabilized  
**CLASS OR DIVISION:** 2.1

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S. REGULATIONS

- **OSHA REGULATORY STATUS:**  
This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)
- **CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):** If a release is reportable under CERCLA section 103, notify the state emergency response commission and local emergency planning committee. In addition, notify the National Response Center at **\*\* PII \*\*** or **\*\* PII \*\***

Component	CERCLA Reportable Quantities:
Vinyl chloride	1 lb (final RQ)

- **EPCRA EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30):**  
Not regulated
- **EPCRA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.10):**  
Fire Hazard, Reactive Hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard
- **EPCRA SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):**  
The following chemicals are listed in 40 CFR 372.65 and may be subject to Community Right-to-Know Reporting requirements

Component	Status:
Vinyl chloride	Listed

- **OSHA SPECIFICALLY REGULATED SUBSTANCES:**  
OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1017 (Vinyl chloride); The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration specifically regulates manufacturing, handling and processing of vinyl chloride. Such regulations have been published at 29 CFR 1910.1017.
- **OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (PSM) (29 CFR 1910.119):** The PSM standard may apply to processes which involve a flammable liquid or gas in a quantity of 10,000 pounds (4535.9 kg) or more.

### NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS

- **U.S. INVENTORY STATUS: Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA):** All components are listed or exempt
- **TSCA 12(b):** This product is not subject to export notification
- **Canadian Chemical Inventory:** All components of this product are listed on either the DSL or the NDSL



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## STATE REGULATIONS

**California Proposition 65:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, and/or birth defects, and/or other reproductive harm.

Vinyl chloride		
	California Proposition 65 Cancer WARNING:	Listed
	California Proposition 65 CRT List - Male reproductive toxin:	Not Listed
	California Proposition 65 CRT List - Female reproductive toxin:	Not Listed
	Massachusetts Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed
	New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	2001
	New Jersey Special Health Hazards Substance List	carcinogen; flammable - fourth degree; mutagen
	New Jersey - Environmental Hazardous Substance List	Listed
	Pennsylvania Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed
	Pennsylvania Right to Know Special Hazardous Substances	Listed
	Pennsylvania Right to Know Environmental Hazard List	Listed
	Rhode Island Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed

## CANADIAN REGULATIONS

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the SDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations

<b>WHMIS - Classifications of Substances:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A - Compressed Gas</li><li>• B1 - Flammable Gas</li><li>• D2A - Poisonous and Infectious Material; Materials causing other toxic effects - Very toxic material</li><li>• D2B - Poisonous and Infectious Material; Materials causing other toxic effects - Toxic material</li><li>• F - Dangerously reactive material</li></ul>
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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Prepared by:** OxyChem Corporate HESS - Product Stewardship

**HMIS: (SCALE 0-4)** (Rated using National Paint & Coatings Association HMIS: Rating Instructions, 2nd Edition)

**Health:** 2\*

**Flammability:** 4

**Reactivity:** 2

**NFPA 704 - Hazard Identification Ratings (SCALE 0-4)**

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Health: 2

Flammability: 4

Reactivity: 2

## Reason for Revision:

- Updated 24 Hour Emergency Telephone Number: SEE SECTION 1
- PPE recommendations have been modified: SEE SECTION 8
- Updated Transportation Information: SEE SECTION 14
- Revised Canadian Domestic Substance List language: SEE SECTION 15
- Revised California Proposition 65 Statement: SEE SECTION 15
- Revised Preparer Information: SEE SECTION 16
- Added "End of Safety Data Sheet" phrase

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OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 requires that information be provided to employees regarding the hazards of chemicals by means of a hazard communication program including labeling, safety data sheets, training and access to written records. We request that you, and it is your legal duty to, make all information in this Safety Data Sheet available to your employees.

**End of Safety Data Sheet**